

Family Update 8.14.2020

Dear Family & Friends -

Thank you for your ongoing help in stopping the spread of COVID-19 within our beloved care community. Your willingness to cooperate with our preventative measures is so valued. We're fortunate your family has chosen our care community to support your loved one.

It's my sincere pleasure to share that the Veterans Home continues to have zero diagnosed COVID-19 cases among members and staff.

While we continue to follow all recommendations from top health officials and our everyday efforts are limiting the spread of the virus within our setting, it is important we stay the course. Together, by following our COVID-19 Response and Action Plan, we're taking every appropriate step to keep everyone's health and safety secured.

## These steps include:

- Quarantining any member if they have symptoms;
- Implementing enhanced infection control and prevention precautions;
- Screening members, staff, and essential visitors for the expanded list of symptoms;
- Using personal protective equipment with ongoing training on proper use and disposal;
- Restricting visitation to the building;
- COVID-19 testing of members and staff based-on current protocols and test availability; and
- Restructuring dining and communal activities to ensure proper social distancing and safety.

Because of the high prevalence of Covid in our state and county, Chippewa County is still recommending that gatherings be kept to 15 people indoors and 50 people or less outdoors, even with social distancing. Please remember to keep your circle small. Know the health status of the people you are with to lessen your chance of becoming sick, which will in turn keep everyone safer.

Thank you for your ongoing support. Please know my staff and I welcome you and your loved ones to share your questions, comments, or concerns with us any time. Just as a reminder – if there are other family members who wish to receive these twice weekly general updates, please reply to Katie Plendl at <a href="Mailto:Katie.Plendl@dva.wi.gov">Katie.Plendl@dva.wi.gov</a>.

Have a great weekend!

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